UNION TERRITORIES

Sl.No. NameofTAC	Sl.No. NameofTAC
1. A&N Islands Incl. Port Blair	5. Diu (Under Junagarh).
2. Chandigarh	6. Lakshadweep
3. Dadara & Nagar Haveli	7. Pondicherry
4. Daman (Under Balsad)	

Telephone facilities in villages

†475. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a target was fixed to provide telephone in all the villages of the country by March, 2002;

(b) if so, the number of the villages, State-wise which have been provided with telephones, upto September, 2001; and

(c) the number of such villages which are yet to be provided with telephones, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) All villages are planned to be provided with telephone facility with the joint effort of Private Basic Service Operators by 2002 subject to availability of funds and equipment.

(b) and (c) As on 30.9.2001, 4,12,203 villages have been provided with telecom facility and 1,95,288 villages are yet to be provided. State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Status of VPTs as on 30-9-2001

Sl.No.	States	Village with VPTs	Village yet to be covered
1	Andaman & Nicobar	282	-
2	Andhra Pradesh	23,401	6,059
3	Assam	14,593	7,631
4	Bihar	21,756	24,832
5	Jharkhand	7,397	25,223

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
6	Gujarat	13,923	4,202
7	Haryana	6,811	39
8	Himachal Pradesh	14,580	2,417
9	Jammu & Kashmir	4,053	2,711
10	Karnataka	27,056	10
11	Kerala	1,530	-
12	Madhya Pradesh	37,341	14,465
13	Chhattisgarh	10,876	8,844
14	Maharashtra	31,170	10,890
15	Goa	371	36
16	Meghalaya	1,306	4,323
17	Mizoram	621	149
18	Tripura	660	202
19	Arunachal Pradesh	701	2,898
20	Manipur	699	1,695
21	Nagaland	662	530
22	Orissa	25,064	21,925
23	Punjab	12,687	-
24	Rajasthan	23,843	14,791
25	Tamil Nadu	17,899	92
26	Uttar Pradesh (E)	61,467	14,231
27	Uttar Pradesh (W)	18,929	4,675
28	Uttraranchal	7,948	7,999
29	West Bengal	23,640	14,270
30	Sikkim	325	102
31	Calcutta	421	47
32	Delhi	191	-
	TOTAL:	412,203	195,288